

Reaction growing to suspension of Murray



George Murray

Another issue for Trustees

by J. Dan Moore

The State College Board of Trustees may have yet another bombshell on its hands; disgruntled campus groundsmen may take their labor dispute with the Administration all the way to the Board.

"It seems that the wheel doesn't get oiled unless it squeaks loud enough," Rex Kennedy, the groundsmen's union representative said, in threatening to take the matter to the Trustees.

The groundsmen are upset over the Administration's decision to import a new foreman from off campus, rather than promote one of the current staff.

Kennedy, speaking for SF State's irate grass growers, was to have met with College Vice President Glenn Smith Wednesday. But Smith, caught up in the growing George Murray issue, couldn't make the meeting.

Instead Joe Glenn, the Administration's personnel officer appeared at the meeting.

"Glenn was the person responsible for the decision to pass over 36 years worth of qualified, already employed groundsmen," Kennedy said. "He is the last person I wanted to meet with."

Embattled Glenn Smith, when called for comment, said he "would have no comment until I talk with Kennedy." No new meeting date has yet been set.

After the abortive meeting Kennedy raised the spectre of "some sort" of strike action.

"I can't say exactly what form it will take, but a strike action is always a possibility in a labor dispute," Kennedy said.

The problem erupted from the usually quiescent Buildings and Grounds Department when its director, William Charleston, went off campus in search of a new grounds foreman to replace retiring Al Holman. Wednesday was Holman's last day.

Kennedy, regional director of the Union of State Employees (USE) Local 411, maintained that the administration's action was a "breach of understood college policy to make promotions from already employed staff personnel."

Kennedy said he was "really pessimistic about the future of the state college system. You really have to kick it in the pants to get justice."

The BSU, as of Friday afternoon when President Robert Smith announced the suspension, still planned to carry out the strike of Third World students and employees.

The strike demands center on retention of Murray and vitalization of the Black Studies Department.

The strike and class boycott is planned to last until those demands are met. The BSU will presumably spell out strike details today at an 11 a.m. press conference in the Gallery Lounge.

Shortly after 3 p.m. Friday President Robert Smith, knuckling to outside pressure he knew all along was coming, suspended Murray both as a teacher and student.

After delaying one day, Smith conceded to the demand of Chancellor Glenn Dumke who had ordered the suspension late Thursday afternoon.

In an effort to stall for time Smith had asked for a meeting with Trustees Chairman Theodore Meriam, the General Counsel of the California State Colleges and Dumke himself.

Meriam, in an obvious slap at Smith, said Thursday night he would not attend Smith's meeting and that "Chancellor Dumke has my full support."

The Chancellor, in Washington D.C. Thursday trying to recruit California State Colleges presidents, remained unavailable Friday.

In speaking for the Trustees Meriam said "We understood the investigation (of Murray) had reached a point of decision. There has been a lengthy period devoted to this, and the Chancellor took

the next step."

Smith was apparently affronted because Dumke took Smith's own "investigation" out of his hands by ordering the suspension.

The elusive 'investigation' allegedly made by campus officials, was supposed to involve speeches Murray had made on other campuses.

The probe remained in a cloud of secrecy throughout

October. Even now, Smith refuses to comment on the method and scope of the investigation on the basis that it's a "personnel matter."

Pressure to fire Murray had been building since September, when an informal Administration investigation of Murray's qualifications began. The result of the investigation not only cleared Murray, but commended him for his work in the classroom.

From that point on, the "investigation" began zeroing in on Murray's "out of classroom" speeches.

In his Friday statement Smith said: "The continuing statewide controversy over the matter has complicated the disciplinary process already underway...charges are being prepared...we are acting under personnel procedures which do not permit public disclosure of the charges at this time."

At the October Trustees meeting Meriam said that Murray would not be discussed at that meeting because investigation procedures were already in process at SF State under Smith's direction. Meriam did not want to pre-empt local procedures he said.

Meriam's latest statement indicates a change of position. He now feels that the investigation has reached a conclusion.

Lashing out at Dumke, Smith said, "I do not believe that this abrupt manner of handling this situation contributes to the solution of a complex problem."

In addition to the academic disciplinary actions, several public officials, including the Mayor, Joseph Alioto, have been harping for a criminal investigation of Murray.

On Saturday Municipal Judge Fitz-Gerald Ames sent a letter to fellow Judge Albert Axelrod in which he suggested that Murray's parole be revoked, perhaps leading to a jail sentence.

Murray is on probation for his part in the attack of Journalism Department's Gater editor Jim Vascko a year ago. He received a six-month suspended sentence from Axelrod then.

Ames' letter contended Murray had, by advising students to arm themselves, "abandoned himself...to a vicious life."

In a press conference last week Alioto said that Murray's suggestion to bring guns to campus "ought to be illegal, if it isn't."

Alioto had pressed for a criminal investigation rather than an administrative one because he felt it would not be as likely to lead to violence on campus.

According to the terms of the suspension Murray "has no reason" to come to campus at all.

Dumke's directive also pointed out that Murray could be arrested if he is found "committing or likely to commit" an act threatening disruption. It also said that Murray could be arrested if he did not heed any Administration warning to leave the campus.

SDS plans demonstrations

Tomorrow's Presidential election will be marked by a series of demonstrations in San Francisco, beginning with an anti-Air Force ROTC rally at SF State.

The demonstrations will be a part of a nation-wide protest of the "elections hoax" called by the SDS national council last month.

The schedule for San Francisco demonstrations is:

* An anti-ROTC rally at noon on SF State's Speaker's Platform, followed by a march to the Air Force headquarters in the Psychology building to kick off a petition campaign to get AFROTC off campus;

* A rock concert at 1 p.m. at City Hall, followed by a giant "monopoly game" on Montgomery Street.

Education students plan 'involvement committee'

Secondary Education students are trying to organize as a result of the School of Education Asilomar Conference which was held by education faculty Oct. 24-25.

The conference granted education students equal voting representation with faculty in all school and departmental committees.

The ad hoc Student Involvement Committee will meet today at 4 p.m. in Ed 41, according to a committee statement.

"At last we have a chance to become really involved in the process of our own education," it said.

The statement continued, "We have a chance to promote change and innovation, but we need your help."

The committee wants one representative from each education class at the meeting so that all education students can be informed on what is happening and have a say.

All interested students are invited to attend, the committee statement said.

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Enrolled students will be able to pick up materials by which to start their Spring 1969 Registration in front of the Library on approximately October 30, 1968, for a two-week period of time. Pick up will be by alphabet starting with "A"- "B" on the first day. These materials will permit a student to pay full-time fees in advance by mail or drop off in the Cashier's office. Approximately ten days after the Cashier receives the fees, the Registrar will mail to the student his Registration and Activity card and his class admit cards with instructions for enrollment in class. A student who utilizes these new procedures will be able to enroll in class in any/or all the following methods:

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Students who are obtaining financial aid from the college financial aid office and need financial assistance to pay their fees in advance should contact the financial aids office.

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LEAVE PEN AT HOME

Editor:

Election Day, next Tuesday, is going to leave some people holding a limp ballot if they write in Eldridge Cleaver. The state election rules committee has decided that if you write in someone for president who is ineligible your vote for president will be zilched. Not that it matters anyway. To quote a Yippie, "Politics is not voting—politics is everything else you do with your 365 days every day."

This ruling means that Peace and Freedom voters

must leave the presidential slot blank and vote for Peggy Terry to vote for Cleaver. Leave your pen at home.

This only applies to the slot for president, since this is the only representative position that requires you to file a petition to become a write-in candidate.

For liberals who want to have their votes felt there are several people you can write in who are eligible: Dick Gregory, Eugene McCarthy, Fred Halstead, etc.

Paul Kangas

THANKS, GATER

Editor:

Thanks very much for your series on the janitors' strike. It's been the first decent piece of reporting I've seen in the Gater all year.

Peter Shapiro, Managing Ed. Open Process

Typo

The "Martin Luther Kings" alluded to in last week's article on the demonstrations in Berkeley was the result of a printing error. The original wording in the submitted copy spoke of the "Martin Luther King liberals," in reference to the school of non-violent but direct protest which the late Dr. King strongly believed in.

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vance and becomes a part-time student, he should file a request for refund with the cashier which will be paid after receipt of program verification.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Elementary Education Department will distribute student teaching applications for the Spring 1969 semester on the following dates:

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The Y is also selling children's calendars, with drawings and paintings by children from various parts of the world. The price of a box of cards is \$2.50, and \$2.50 per calendar. The sale will last until December 21.

Education conference

"New Education for New Goals" will be the keynote address at a Teacher Education Conference on campus Nov. 6 and 7, according to the School of Education.

The address will be made by L. D. Haskew, professor of education at the University of Texas and chairman of the National Advisory Council on Education Professions Development.

The faculty conference on innovation in teacher education will be opened at 9 a.m. by President Robert Smith and Dr. Warren Rasmussen.

The conference will discuss how students and schools are changing in society, new demands are being placed on teachers, how teachers are preparing to meet the demands of the times, and other topics.

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Burton defends Murray here

by Jeff Thomas

Assemblyman John Burton said instructor George Murray's out-of-classroom remarks are his own business and he should not be fired for them.

The Board of Trustees recommended movement of Murray out of his teaching position, and recently Mayor Joseph Alioto has been yelling about Murray's "carry a gun" statement.

Burton said, in a speech here Wednesday, that Murray is intemperate in his remarks, but said he had heard Murray does a "good job" at teaching. Burton's praise of Murray got stronger as he went along, saying he had heard Murray does "outstanding" work, and finally changing it to "tremendous" work

party booster

Burton, former Northern California Chairman of the McCarthy campaign, was at SF State to discuss getting out the vote for the Democratic Party.

Burton first mentioned Murray when quoting him as saying "things will be bad" if no changes are made in our society. Burton quickly said he should not have quoted anyone who would recommend bringing guns to campus.

Against guns

Questions to Burton elicited a statement that he is against guns but not against

Murray. From then on Burton had only stronger and stronger praise for Murray's work.

But later Burton disagreed with Murray's idea that Third World enrollment at SF State should be increased to 5000 in keeping with the percentage of Third world people in California.

Burton said he believes anyone capable should be allowed to go to the college. But he said "dumping" 5000 students, who could not handle high school, into college would not help them.

"A student who did poorly in high school but showed on tests that he was capable of college work should be able to go to college," Burton said.

Burton said improvement must start at the bottom, improving education at all stages so that non-white stu-

dents will be able to go to college.

Lesser evil

Burton, in getting students to work for the Democratic slate in the election, gave reluctant support to Hubert Humphrey.

But he said Humphrey is definitely "the lesser of three evils."

Burton said Humphrey is more qualified in all ways than Richard Nixon. He said he would not bother to discuss George Wallace.

"Nixon and Strom Thurmond are working together so closely that Nixon's election would mean the removal of all Federal intervention in the South with the South controlling itself completely," Burton said. He predicted that this action would bring civil war in the South.

Electoral faith

Burton said Humphrey can beat Nixon. He as-

sumed the undecided vote will go to Humphrey. He added that he has a "lot of faith" in the American people.

"I thought up until the last minute that Edmund Brown would beat Ronald Reagan by the undecided vote in the election for Governor," he admitted.

Eugene McCarthy does not want to form another party any more than he wanted to run for President, Burton said.

But the Assemblyman said if the party leaders are again less qualified than he is, he will probably "put his body on the line again."

Burton said both parties are bad on the Vietnam War. "The people do not

want peace," he said, "or they could have demanded the War's end at any time."

He said he came into politics after realizing that the country does not pursue peace anywhere in the world.

Burton could only recommend Humphrey on his ability to work on internal problems of the nation.

"Unless something happens within government, people will not come to meetings like this anymore," Burton said.

He said he hoped coalitions of such groups as the Young Democrats and Kennedy Action Corps can take over the Democratic Party.



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Gregorian first came to SF State in 1960, and left at the end of last semester. He was very popular with his students, who appreciated the respect he showed them.

While on campus here, the goateed Armenian specialized in Middle Eastern and European history.

He also served as faculty sponsor to the Progressive Labor Party.

Born in Iran, Gregorian was educated in Lebanon and the United States. He earned two Ph.D.s in history and philosophy while studying at Stanford University.

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“So, it seems to me the better—though not the most beautiful—course, that the voters should oust the party which has cost the country so much.”

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